

Amendments to the Claims

The claims are not being currently amended, but are reproduced below for the convenience of the Examiner.

1. (Previously presented) A method of optimizing a workflow management system (WFMS), said method being executable by said WFMS on at least one computer system, said WFMS accessing a WFMS database containing as an object at least one process model or an instantiation of said process model (process instance), said method comprising the step of transferring said object of the WFMS database to an archive database.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which the step of transferring said object of the WFMS database to the archive database is carried out if a predetermined event occurs.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which the step of transferring said object of the WFMS database to the archive database is carried out if the objects are not currently used by the WFMS.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which the object transferred to the archive database comprises a process instance.
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4 in which the process instance transferred to the archive database is selected among instances of a certain process model depending on the value of certain properties of the process model.
6. (Original) The method of claim 4 comprising the further step of transferring from an application store to an application archive store data which is managed by programs that implement activities of a process model from which process instances are transferred to the archive database.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 comprising the further step of transferring the data from the application archive store back to the application store.
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which the object transferred to the archive database comprises a process model.
9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of transferring the object back to the WFMS database.
10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 in which the object is transferred back to the WFMS database when it is needed again.
11. (Previously presented) A system comprising means adapted for carrying out the steps of the method of claim 1 wherein the system comprises an archiving database.
12. (Original) A data processing program comprising software code portions for performing the method of claim 1 when the program is executed in a data processing system.
13. (Original) A computer program product comprising computer readable program means for causing a computer to perform the method of claim 1 when the program is executed in a computer.